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SUBJ: SURINAME POLICE BREAK DRUG RING

1. SURINAME POLICE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING THE
LARGEST HEROIN AND COCAINE INVESTIGATION IN THE COUNTRY'S
HISTORY WITH APPROXIMATELY 35 PERSONS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED
OVER THE PAST TEN DAYS.

2. ABDOELHAFIEZKHAN, "POLICE NARCOTICS BRIGADE CHIEF", WHO
IS DIRECTING THE CASE, TOLD THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR THAT IN
THE INITIAL RAID ON APRIL 8 SOME 50 GRAMS OF HEROIN ALONG WITH
40,000 GUILDERS (23,000 DOLLARS US) WAS SEIZED. THIS INVESTI-
GATION HAS LED POLICE TO SEVERAL PROMINENT BUT YET UNNAMED
MEMBERS OF THE SURINAME BUSINESS COMMUNITY WITH MORE ARRESTS
EXPECTED. POLICE OFFICIALS ARE UNABLE TO DISCUSS EXACT DETAILS
OF THE CASE AS MANY OF THE ALLEGED PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOT YET
BEEN APPREHENDED OR FORMALLY CHARGED. HIGH POLICE AND CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS HAVE PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH
SPECIFICS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

3. THE SCOPE AND THOROUGHNESS OF THE INVESTIGATION IS
INDICATIVE OF THE HIGH DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE THE GOS PLACES
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ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND ITS PERCEPTION OF DRUG ABUSE
AS A SERIOUS DOMESTIC PROBLEM.
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